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Dear Hal,

Vidal makes a valid point "Hersh does not take the book where it is logically headed from the beginning, the Murder in Dallas, and that looks to be a mob killing."

But The Giancana stuff is crazy. He "steals" the election for you and then you prosecute him without mercy. See The F.B.I. tapes show Sam and the Mob hated J.F.K.

Note Gus Russo "keeped" Sy on The Organized Crime angle. Russo "validated" Marrow's "First Hand Knowledge!"

Sy uses Scott's wild

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theories in "Deep Politics" On Rometar, adds Nothing, but never Credits that Summers did the work. He steals others work - usually bad stuff to begin with and then claims, & discovered ---.

What nerve - Exner, Corbin, Jean Humphreys---! His book is a rehash of old smears with new but poor sources. Really old stuff! Victor Lasky did a lot of this over ~~thirty years~~ ago in "J.F.K., The Man and The Myth." When you recycle garbage you get garbage in a new form.

Oddly, A.B.C. hired the Mark Lane Summers J.F.K./Monroe documentary, but scam this.

Roone Arledge, The A.B.C. president is or was thought to be close to The Kennedy family. A great friend!

Best To You and Lillian in 1998. Sincerely, Ed